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## SIMMONS LEADING TERRORISM INFORMATION- SHARING CODEL TO TORONTO

*Homeland Security Subcommittee Chairman Will Lead Trip To Learn More About Home-Grown Terrorism; Recently Thwarted Canadian Terror Plot*

**NORWICH (CT)** - Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, today announced that members of House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment will be traveling to Toronto for a War on Terror fact-finding and information-sharing mission. Simmons is the chairman of the subcommittee and this month will lead the congressional delegation (CODEL) trip.

"Just a few weeks ago, Canadian authorities uncovered a plot to use three tons of ammonium nitrate to bomb government and media buildings," Simmons said. "Canadian authorities successfully stopped the attacks before they could happen. Members of the House Homeland Security Committee can learn a lot from our neighbors to the north about these home-grown extremist groups and how the Canadian Government was able to uncover and interrupt the plot."

The primary purpose of the trip is to discuss the recent arrests of individuals involved with the terrorist plot against Ontario, Canada. Additionally, participants will discuss the Canadian experience with domestic radicalization and explore other intelligence and information-sharing issues. The members of Congress will likely meet with local law enforcement officials, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service as well as local Muslim leaders.

"This trip will be very valuable to the members of the subcommittee," concluded Simmons. "We will learn how the Canadian authorities were able to communicate across law enforcement agencies and coordinate their intelligence to stop this particular plot. We also hope to learn more about how U.S. and Canadian officials work together to share information regarding terrorists that could be coordinating across our common border to do harm to one or both of our countries and how we can team up to stop any potential plots."

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